

Child Development Policy Advisory Committee

COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The Child Development Policy Advisory Committee (the Committee) is a leader in assisting state and local policy makers to develop child care policies and programs that are beneficial to children and families. The Committee provides a forum for public input on child care and development issues and presents objective public policy recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Secretary of the Office of Education.

COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES

- Child care and development programs should be long range, developmentally appropriate, and socially advanced.
- In recognition of early brain research, state policies must identify the tremendous potential of all children to learn and the critical need to develop and support child care and development options that meet the broad array of children's cognitive, social and emotional needs.
- All families should have access to affordable and high quality child care.
- Parents, schools, community planners and organizations, employers and businesses need to become partners in an effort to anticipate and meet child care needs.
- The positive, long-term impacts that child care programs have for the well-being of children must be understood by policy makes and administrators.
- Child care providers deserve the respect and support they need so they can offer children a high quality, developmental child care experience.

COMMITTEE VISION

All children and families in California will have access to high quality, affordable child care and development programs that facilitates children's cognitive, social and emotional growth and that recognizes the importance of early brain development.

